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Re: Ex Parte Notice
ET Docket 03-65; MM Docket 00-39
Pappas Telecasting Companies

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(a)(2) of the Commission's rules, this is notify the Commission of an ex parte presentation made to the Commission's staff in the above-referenced proceedings.

Specifically, on August 13, 2003, Peter C. Pappas, Executive Vice President of Government & Regulatory Affairs for Pappas Telecasting Companies, and Kathleen Victory of Fletcher, Heald & Hildreth, P.L.C, met with Mr. W. Kenneth Ferree, Chief of the Media Bureau, Mr. Rick C. Chessen, Associate Bureau Chief, Mr. Keith Larson, Chief Engineer, and Mr. John P. Wong, Chief of the Engineering Division. The parties discussed Pappas' comments in the above-referenced proceedings, and its support for the adoption of minimum performance standards for digital television receivers.

If questions arise regarding this matter, please contact the undersigned attorney.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Victory

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